TOWN OF WRIGHT **AGRICULTURAL** COMMITTEE

AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

May 27, 2009

MARK STOLZENBURG Chair 872-0679

Committee Members Present:

Mark Stolzenburg

Reta Youngs

VICKY McCaffrey

Ed Thornton

872-1295

Vicki McCaffrey

JERI MURRAY

Also Present:

295-7280

John Sanchirico, Town Board

Lillian Bruno, Schoharie Co. Planning

ED THORNTON

295-7463

Michelle Strobeck, Co. Ag Marketing Specialist

Review of minutes from the April 22 meeting. Vicki moved to approve, seconded by Reta, all approved.

KARL WESTPHAL

872-1687

Mark reviewed the mapping assignments for active ag parcels that

were made to committee members at the last meeting. Most were completed. Those that were not were finished tonight by the committee. All completed maps were passed on to Lillian to be incorporated

into our set of maps for the Ag Plan.

RETA YOUNGS

872-0919

Lillian introduced Michelle Strobeck, the new County Ag Marketing Specialist and she explained a little about what she

will be working on.

JOHN SANCHIRICO

TOWN BOARD

872-9287

Lillian reviewed the recent meeting between the Schoharie County Soil and Water District and the committees from Carlisle and Seward. It was basically educational as far as the different soils classifications are concerned. No one from the Wright Committee attended.

RAYMOND LURHMAN

872-2375

Lillian presented and the Committee read and approved the draft of the information regarding the Ag and Farmland Protection Plan process in the Town of Wright that is to be posted to the Town of Wright's web page. This is part of the

Schoharie County website.

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The Committee discussed with Lillian information that she has obtained through correspondence with John Brennan from NYS Dept. of Ag and Markets regarding how we go about prioritizing lands in the Town for their value to agriculture. She will be emailing this to us before the next meeting so that we can discuss it in more detail then.

The remainder of the meeting was spent going through the entire list of recommendations from the public meetings and from the Committee. Each recommendation was assigned to one of the goals on our Draft Tool Box draft. Mark will pass this on to Laurie Ten Eyck so that she can prepare the draft Goals and Recommendations for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on June 24 at 7:00 at the Town Hall.